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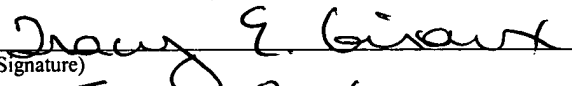
Art Unit: 3742

Examiner: Leung, Philip H.

For: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR MICROWAVE DESORPTION OF  
HYDROGEN AND OTHER ELEMENTS FROM CARBON  
NANOTUBES.**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Examiner's communication mailed December 12, 2005, having a deadline for response expiring January 12, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute **Invention I** without traverse.

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a method of exposing carbon nanotubes to microwave irradiation, classified in class 204, subclass 157.15.**

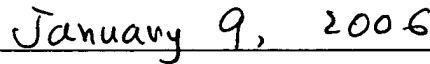
The remaining restricted groups containing Inventions II – IV will be prosecuted separately under divisional applications.

The election of **Invention I** does not change the inventorship of this application. The Examiner is invited to give the undersigned a telephone call if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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